

ILLINOIS TERRORISM TASK FORCE
Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting
March 22, 2023, 10 a.m.
ILEAS Training Center, 1701 E. Main, Urbana, IL
and via WebEx

ATTENDANCE

- Page, Jim – Illinois Terrorism Task Force Chair, in person

Committee Chairs

Critical Infrastructure:

- Doerfler, Mark – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network, via WebEx

Cybersecurity:

- Rominger, Jennifer – IL Department of Innovation and Technology, via WebEx

Emergency Management:

- Nelson, Dan – City of Naperville, in person
- Sullivan, Marc – IL Emergency Management Agency, via WebEx

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Ericksen, Glenn – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, via WebEx
- Keiken, Jim – IL Fire Service Institute, in person

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- Evans, Larry – IL Law Enforcement Alarm System, in person
- Price, J.W. – IL State Police, via WebEx

Prevention:

- Arnold, Eric – Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, in person
- Kanish, Samantha – IL Emergency Management Agency, in person

Public Health:

- Fox, Amy – IL Department of Public Health, via WebEx

Urban Area:

- Guidice, Richard – Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications
- Berger, Ted – Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security

Staff/Members:

Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU, in person
Belmonte, Mike – IPEMA, via WebEx
Carle, Derek – ILETSB, in person
Chiappini, Dominic – ISP, in person
Dickmann, Brian – ISP, in person
Dwyer, John – IESMA, in person
Evans, Bob – IEMA, in person
Fleming, Mick – IESMA, via WebEx
Gutierrez, Natalie – OEMC, via WebEx
Hotz, Heather – ILETSB, via WebEx
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS, via WebEx

Kim, MyongAe – IEMA, via WebEx
Kustermann, Aaron – ISP, in person
McAnelly, Jessica – IDPH, via WebEx
Miller, Matt – IEMA, in person
Pool, Douglas – ISP, in person
Porter, Tammy – IEMA, via WebEx
Sanford, Jason – IEMA, via WebEx
Seraphin, Bryant – ILEAS, in person
Smith, Pete – ILEAS, in person
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA, via WebEx
Trame, Chris – ISP, via WebEx

Call to Order

ITTF Chairman Jim Page greeted everyone in the room and online and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting.

Motion to Approve: Jennifer Rominger, DoIT

Seconded: Marc Sullivan, IEMA

Minutes of February 22, 2023, Council of Chairs meeting approved.

Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Old Business

- Update on federal grant process timeline: Acting PGA Bureau Bob Evans announced that a special Council of Chairs meeting will be on Thursday, April 6 at 10 a.m., WebEx only, to approve and recommend the FY23 HSGP budget to the full ITTF, which will meet on April 19.
- OMA guidelines: The public health emergency will end May 11, both at the state and federal levels, at which time Open Meetings Act requirements that had been relaxed during the pandemic will be back in effect. Chairman Page has met with IEMA legal staff and will be distributing written guidance that must be followed for ITTF meetings (Council of Chairs, full task force, and committees).

New Business

- Review/discussion of initial project submissions for FFY23 HSGP:
Page and Evans explained that there is an approximate \$4.5 million difference between the projects submitted and available State Homeland Security Program funding. Committee chairs explained the projects they submitted for consideration, including scope, cost, and scalability, and answered any questions that arose. Page asked attendees to take another look at their projects to see what could be scaled down or moved to state Preparedness and Response Grant (PAR) funding. Evans said at the April 6th meeting, we will have a clearer picture of where things stand with PAR funding.
- Creation of local emergency management public agency:
Chairman Page explained that while MABAS has been in existence since 1968 for fire service mutual aid, and ILEAS has been around since right after 9/11 for law enforcement, there is no comparable public agency for the discipline of emergency management. Without this type of structure in place, the emergency management community has had to find fiduciaries for projects, which has been an arduous process. Creating a public agency will enable EM to maintain a coherent, statewide view and receive funding directly. Page has been working with the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) and the Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association (IPEMA) to create the new entity.
- New ITTF Prevention Committee:
Chairman Page reported on the new Prevention Committee, formed by combining three current working groups: School Safety Working Group, Preventing Targeted Violence Working Group, and Domestic Violent Extremism Working Group. Samantha Kanish, IEMA, and Eric Arnold, ILETSB (WIU), are co-chairs of the new committee.

Other Business

- Page introduced Bryant Seraphin, the new ILEAS chief of staff.
- Aaron Kustermann, ISP, said there would be a call the next day with more than 500 school superintendents regarding hoaxes/swatting calls and other current issues/resources pertinent to schools.

▪ Upcoming Meetings

- Special Council of Chairs meeting – April 6, 2023, at 10 a.m. (WEBEX only)
- ITTF Full Membership meeting – *April 19, 2023*, at 10 a.m.
- ITTF Council of Chairs Meeting – May 24, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Jim Keiken, IFSI

Seconded: Marc Sullivan, IEMA

Motion carried.